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BRUSSELS FOR USEEC

BANGKOK PASS MIKE SMITH AND USTEXDEL

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AGREEMENT BEFORE TSB

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1. EC TSB REP KLARIC AND ALTERNATE REP BECK WERE QUERIED
BY TSB CHAIRMAN WURTH ON MAY 22 RE EC'S SUBMISSION PLANS.
EC REPS SAID "MOST" OF EC'S BILATERALS HAD NOW BEEN
"FORMALLY COMPLETED" BUT THERE WERE A FEW WHICH REQUIRED
SOME RENEGOTIATION ON A "FEW POINTS." REPS ASSERTED IT
WAS INTENT OF EC COMMISSION TO PRESENT ALL BILATERALS
AS PACKAGE TO EC COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL BEFORE NOTIFYING
AGREEMENTS TO TSB. BOTH BELIEVED ALL REMAINING FORMALI-
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TIES COULD BE COMPLETED IN JUNE OR, IN ANY EVENT, "BEFORE
SUMMER RECESS."

2. CHAIRMAN WURTH THEN REMINDED KLARIC THAT HE HAD BEEN
TOLD IN APRIL THAT THERE WOULD BE SOME MAY SUBMISSIONS
AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT EC WAS NOT REPEATING ITS
DILATORY PERFORMANCE OF 1974-75. IN REPLY, KLARIC TOLD

CHAIRMAN THAT HE WAS RETURNING BRUSSELS EVENING MAY 23 WITH BECK AND THAT MAIN PURPOSE HIS TRIP WAS TO EXPLAIN URGENCY FOR NOTIFICATIONS. KLARIC HAS BEEN EMBARRASSED BY QUESTIONS ABOUT DELAY FROM ALL MEMBERS TSB, INCLUDING US REP.

3. US TSB REP, FROM CONVERSATIONS WITH KLARIC, DOES NOT EXPECT ANY EC SUBMISSIONS IN TIME FOR JUNE 12-14 SESSION BUT THAT WE MAY EXPECT RECEIVE SOME NOTIFICATION IN TIME FOR CONSIDERATION AT JUNE 28-30 TSB SESSION. IF NONE RECEIVED BY THAT DATE, TSB MAY BE FORCED REMAIN IN SESSION THROUGHOUT JULY IF AUGUST VACATION PERIOD IS TO REMAIN SACROSANCT.

4. US REP HAS HEARD FROM RELIABLE SOURCE THAT AT LEAST TWO OF EC'S AGREEMENTS (KOREA AND MEXICO) ARE STILL UNDER RENEGDTIATION, NEED FOR WHICH AROSE FROM DIS-AGREEMENTS ON "REGIONAL DISTRIBUTION" OF QUOTAS.

5. US TSB REP DOES NOT ANTICIPATE SERIOUS CHALLENGE TO EC BILATERALS. EXPORTING COUNTRY TSB REPS WILL, OF COURSE, CRITICIZE SOME ASPECTS OF THESE AGREEMENTS AS BEING "UNREASONABLE DEPARTURES"; E.G., ROLLBACKS WHEREVER THEY MAY APPEAR AND RELATIVELY LOW GROWTH RATES IN SOME PRODUCT GROUPINGS (APPLIED TO ALL PARTNERS).

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6. U.S. REP WILL CONTACT KLARIC UPON HIS RETURN FROM BRUSSELS FOR LATEST READING ON SITUATION. VANDEN HEUVEL

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